

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 11, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMSON, of New Jersey, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Haynes, praying to be allowed arrears of pension, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report :

The petitioner was placed upon the pension roll, at \$8 per month, on the 14th September, 1846, the date at which he perfected the proofs of service, and alleges that, "in consequence of the loss of his certificate of honorable discharge and of the death of his commanding officer, he was unable to perfect his proof at an earlier period," and now asks that he may be paid the amount he would have received could these proofs have been obtained.

The law provides that *all* pensions shall commence from the date of the proofs upon which the pension is allowed, and the committee are unable to discover, in the case of Mr. Haynes, any reason for a departure from this rule. They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

